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Applicant : Koichi SATO
Serial No : 09/617,098
Filed : July 14, 2000
For : EXPOSURE CONTROLLER OF A DIGITAL CAMERA

Group Art Unit: 2851

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to an examination of the above-identified patent application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the specification and claims, as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification, as follows:

Page 9, line 15, change "shutter drive circuit" to ---shutter control circuit---.

Page 9, lines 7, 18 and 20, change "27" to ---33---.

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REMARKS

The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the foregoing amendment prior to an examination of the above-identified patent application.

In re application of : K. SATO

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Preliminary Amendment in the above-captioned application.

- ___ Small Entity Status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously filed.
- ___ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- ___ An Information Disclosure Statement, PTO Form 1449, and references cited.
- X No additional fee is required.

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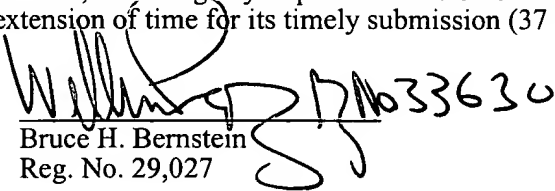
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